

NOTICE

The President signed the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Pub.L. 109-171) on February 8, 2006. The Act increases bankruptcy filing fees effective Sunday, April 9, 2006, as follows:

Chapter 7 filing fee increases from \$220 to \$245. The total fee due at filing, including the \$39 miscellaneous fee and the \$15 trustee fee, is **\$299**.

Chapter 13 filing fee increases from \$150 to \$235. The total fee due at filing, including the \$39 miscellaneous fee, is **\$274**.

Although not mentioned in the Act, the fee to convert a Chapter 7 or Chapter 13 case to a Chapter 11 case, as prescribed by 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a), must be recalculated based upon the increase in Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 filing fees. As a result, effective April 9, 2006, the fee for converting a Chapter 7 case to a Chapter 11 case will be \$755, and the fee for converting a Chapter 13 case to a Chapter 11 case will be \$765.

More information on fees can be found at the Filer Information/Fees link of the Court's web page at www.ohnb.uscourts.gov.

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